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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached substitute forms 1449A/PTO and 1449B/PTO. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

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Copies of the listed foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents listed below:

1. WO 99/47396 discloses a system for detecting condensation on a windshield and for controlling vehicle headlamps. The particular pertinence of WO 99/47396 is readily apparent from the English language abstract and the drawings.
2. The cited Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 60-015237. Specifically, this document discloses a headlight device adapted to change from a running beam to a passing beam by varying the magnetic field produced by a coil. Applicants submit that this statement is based on the description in the English abstract of this document and is not based on any other portion of the document. A copy of the English abstract is enclosed and is separately cited. The undersigned does not read Japanese and makes no representations with respect to the accuracy of the English abstract or the pertinence of the remainder of this document.

English translations of the remaining non-English documents are enclosed. Some of the English translations are mechanically generated. Applicant makes no representations as to the accuracy of those translations.

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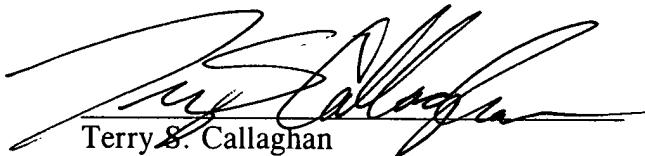
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"prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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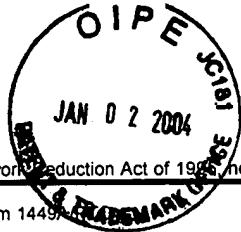


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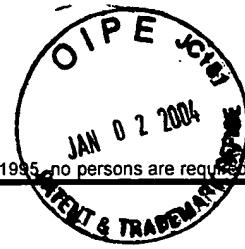
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